Plantation of Trees

3762. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the important roads and circular parks on road crossings in Delhi have been handed over to private sector for maintenance and plantation of trees;

(b) if so, the number of parks and roads presently handed over to private sector;

(c) whether such scheme is beneficial to the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). The number of roads, parks etc. handed over to private sector for maintenance and plantation of trees in Delhi are as follows :

	MCD	*GNCTD*	*NDMC*
(i) Roads, Central Verges Green belts.	36	10	25
(ii) Parks	80	Nil	Nil
(iii) Roundabouts	2	Nil	Nil

(c) and (d). The burden of maintenance and incurring expenditure on the maintenance of greenary is taken off from the Government. Due to the involvement of local residents, more care in the maintenance, these parks and roundabouts has been observed.

Accelerated Urban Water Supply Project

3763. SHRI RAM NAIK : Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether the working group constituted by the Planning Commission has recommended that the population of the towns to be considered under the Accelerated Urban Water Supply Project (AUWSP) may be increased from 20 thousand to one lakh;

(b) if so, whether the Planning Commission and the National Development Council have accorded their approval to the above recommendation;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, the time by which the above recommendation is likely to be considered by the above two bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d). Meeting of the National Development Council to consider the Approach to the Ninth Five Year Plan is scheduled to be held in January 1997. The Planning Commission will consider the Working Group recommendations after the Approach to Ninth Five Year Plan has been decided and approved by the National Development Council.

Land Reforms

3764. SHRI UDDHAB BARMAN :
SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have given special stress on carrying out land reforms in the country;

(b) if so, the steps taken so far in this regard; and

(c) the land so far declared surplus and distributed among the landless, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The land and its management is the responsibility of the States, as enshrined in the Constitution of India. The Central Government's role is advisory and a coordinative one. However, Central Government advise State Governments from time to time for expeditious implementation of various land reform programmes.

(b) A Statement-I is enclosed.

(c) A Statement-II is enclosed.

STATEMENT-I

The progress of land reform programmes have been discussed from time to time at various fora including Conferences of Revenue Secretaries, Ministers, Chief Ministers of the States and Parliamentary Committee attached to this Ministry. In the recently concluded Revenue Ministers Conference held on 27th December, 1995, attention to the problems of landlessness among the peasants of India, concealed tenancies, eviction of tenants and sharecroppers, alienation of tribal land, unsatisfactory progress in restoration of tribal land, distribution of left out ceiling surplus land, Bhoodan Land, Government Wasteland, Consolidation of agricultural holdings, Updation of land records through regular mutation and periodical revisional settlements was drawn. The Conference recommended expeditious steps to deal with them. The major recommendations of this Conference are listed below :

1. Time bound distribution of ceiling surplus land,
2. Constitution of Special Bench for hearing and disposal of land ceiling cases, in the respective High Courts and setting up of land

tribunals under Article 323 B of the Constitution for expeditious disposal of ceiling cases.

3. Distribution of pending Bhoodan Land free from all encumbranches and Government Wasteland.
4. Accomplishment of the task of the consolidation of agricultural holdings within a specified time frame.
5. Restoration of alienated tribal Land.
6. Special drive for recording of the existing rights of the tenants and share croppers.
7. Priority to SC, ST families while allotting ceiling surplus land, Bhoodan Land and Government Wasteland.

   Out of total beneficiaries 40% should be exclusively women.
8. Distribution of Kisan Pass Books to all land holders in the formats prescribed by Appu Committee.
9. State Governments should actively consider to assign certain specific responsibilities to Panchayats in the implementation of the land reform programmes.
10. State Governments should take up effective steps for strengthening of Revenue Administration and Updation of land records.
11. Revenue Department of each State should immediately take up a drive to complete the mutuation cases pending in the State.
12. It was also recommened that the Revenue Department of all the States should immediately modernise the delivery system of the failed evel Revenue Officials by Updating the land records, Computerisation of land records, adopting modern equipments in Survey and Settlement. The Revenue Department should take up aerial surveys in such pockets of the States where existing cadastral maps have become mostly outdated and irrelevant.
13. The Revenue Department should take up digitization of maps and also improve the existing system of map printing.
14. The Revenue Department of the State may also consider adoption of photoprammetric system for modern management of their land, forest, water and such natural resources.
15. The Conference also recommends constitution of a Sub-Committee of the Revenue Ministers which would look into the following aspects :

    (a) To review the progress of implementation of recommendation to this Conference specifically at least once in a quarter.

    (b) To examine the widely variable land legislations pertaining to the tenancy reforms in this country and to prepare a draft national guideline to evolve a common as well as rational approach for bringing suitable tenancy reform in this country.

    (c) To examine the problem of absentee landlordism and prospect of introduction of separate ceiling provisions for those families whose livelihood do not at all depend on the income of their agricultural holdings.

    (d) To examine, evaluate and to recommend suitable measures for proper implementation of land reform measures and suitable improvement of the delivery system of land revenue administration.

    (d) Any other matter referred to it by the Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment.

In pursuance of this recommendation this Ministry has set up a Sub-Committee of Revenue Minister under the Chairmanship of Minister of State (RA & E).

16. The Conference also recommended to make all out efforts to Computerise their land records of all the districts within the next 3 years taking full benefit of 100% grants-in-aid from the Centre.

STATEMENT-II

Regarding Land Reforms

S.No.	States	Declared Surplus	Distributed to individual beneficiaries
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	800240	567161
2.	Assam	612380	479513
3.	Bihar	413062	302871
4.	Gujarat	231172	133278
5.	Haryana	93511	87259
6.	Himachal Pradesh	282581	3340
7.	Jammu and Kashmir	455575	450000
8.	Karnataka	280779	118751
9.	Kerala	137692	64253
10.	Madhya Pradesh	330555	185239

1	2	3	4
11.	Maharashtra	729644	554870
12.	Manipur	1830	1682
13.	Orissa	176569	153817
14.	Punjab	22594	103216
15.	Rajasthan	680987	451499
16.	Tamil Nadu	191311	159344
17.	Tripura	1995	1599
18.	Uttar Pradesh	555350	383937
19.	West Bengal	1270965	961567
20.	D and N Haveli	9406	6851
21.	Delhi	1132	394
22.	Pondicherry	2326	1022
	Total	7410366	5171463

Petrol Pumps

3765. PROF. JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to place about thirty running petrol pumps under auction;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the names to whom these were allotted alongwith location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (c). Hon. Supreme Court through an Order dated September 25, 1996, in WP (C) No. 26/95 has cancelled 15 RO dealerships allotted by the Government under discretionary quota. It has also ordered to auction the retail outlets which have been commissioned. The following 5 retail outlets, out of the terminated ones, come under the commissioned category :

Name		Location
1	Shri Benjamin K. Hollohon	Purana Bazar, Dimapur, Nagaland.
2.	Shri Sayed Hasan Shaukat Abidi	Fatehpur, Uttar Pradesh.
3.	Shri Arun K. Gupta	Chandigarh
4.	Smt. Vijaya Nair	Delhi
5.	Sh. Dharmesh Kumar	Ferozabad-Shikohabad Road Near Makhanpur, U.P.

[Translation]

Drinking Water Schemes

3766. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the names of cities which the scheme for providing drinking water facility has been sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh for approval of Union Government; and

(b) the estimated cost proposed by the State Government in regard to each of the cities and the decision taken by the Union Government in regard to this scheme for each city?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) and (b). Under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Urban Water Supply Programme (AUWSP) applicable to towns having population less than 20,000 (as per 1991 census), 96 drinking water supply schemes have been received from the State Government. As of now 51 schemes have been approved at the project cost of Rs. 36.04 crores Statement-I. whereas 45 schemes are under scrutiny and have not been approved as the 8th Plan share of Madhya Pradesh under this programme has already been exhausted Statement-II.

Under the State Plan, 14 drinking water supply scheme including two Scheme proposals for external assistance have been received from Madhya Pradesh Government for technical approval. The name of the schemes, their project cost and present status is at Statement-III.

STATEMENT-I

List of Water Supply Schemes Sanctioned Under Accelerated Water Supply Programme for Madhya Pradesh (Rs. in lakhs)

S.No.	Name of Town	Sanction date	Project cost
1	2	3	4
1.	Bhabhara	March,94	43.00
2.	Bamnia	-do-	34.00
3.	Badnawar	-do-	56.00
4.	Dharmpuri	-do-	51.00
5.	Dhamnod	-do-	163.00
6.	Pansemal	-do-	49.00
7.	Gautampura	-do-	56.50
8.	Sawer	-do-	49.50
9.	Kharnawad	-do-	45.60
10.	Hattipliya	-do-	86.00